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SUBJECT: JAPANESE ANALYSIS OF NPC DELEGATES

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED US WITH BRIEF RUNDOWN OF THEIR ANALYSIS OF PERSONS NAMED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. WE PASS IT ON FOR POSSIBLE USE BY ADDRESSEES IN COMPILED THEIR OWN ANALYSES.

2. MOST INTERESTING IN JAPANESE VIEW IS THE PREPONDERANCE OF MASS REPRESENTATIVES IN THE LIST. K#OUT OF THE 144 PERSONS, THEY COUNT 79 AS WORKER-PEASANT-SOLDIER ACTIVISTS, 23 AS HIGH-LEVEL PARTY CADRES, 12 HIGH-LEVEL PLA MEMBERS, AND 30 PATRIOTIC PERSON . THE PRESS COMMUNIQUE LISTED 72 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NPC DELEGATES AS WORKER-PEASANT-SOLDIER REPRESENTATIVES. THIS LARGE NUMBER OF PEASANT-WORKER-SOLDIERS IN THE STANDING COMMITTEE AND THE FACT THAT THEY LIVE IN VARIOUS PARTS OF CHINA-- MOST OF THE FORMER NPC STANDING COMMITTEE LIVED IN PEKING--SUGGEST THAT THE STANDING COMMITTEE IS UNLIKELY TO MEET REGULARLY AND WILL BE EVEN LESS INVOLVED IN GOVERNMENT POLICY THAN PREVIOUSLY.

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3. JAPANESE ARE INTRIGUED BY THE PROMINENCE OF TIENTSIN IN THE LISTING. TIENTSIN HAS MORE REPRESENTATIVES THAN MUCH LARGER (AND SUPPOSED VANGUARD CITY--SHANGHAI. CHINESE HAVE TOLD THEM THAT SUN CHIEN, A TIENTSIN MODEL WORKER, WAS MADE VICE PREMIER BECAUSE TIENTSIN IS DEVELOPING ITS INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH AT A RAPID PACE AND HE SYMBOLIZES THE CITY'S GROWING ROLE.

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